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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 23, 2001 (Paper No. 27), Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet (in dupl.); (b) a Version With Markings To Show Changes Made; and (c) a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 88, 96, 104, 112, 114-123, 125, 133, 135-144, 146, 154, 157, 165, 174, and 182 as follows:

88. (Once amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 87 wherein said heterologous polynucleotide encodes a heterologous polypeptide.